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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Notice of Office of Urban Indian Health Programs Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Indian Health Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Indian Health Service (IHS) has entered into a contract with the National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) to assist in the development of a fiveyear strategic plan. Funding for this project was provided by Congress in the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which directs IHS to develop the plan in consultation with urban Indians and the Academy.

As part of this project, the Academy project team is in the process of conducting extensive outreach to IHS/Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) leadership and employees, as well as conferring with urban Indian organizations and other key external stakeholder groups. The final product will be a strategic plan to guide the work of the headquarters office of OUIHP, area urban coordinators, and urban Indian

organizations participating in IHS programs. The strategic plan will be completed by the

end of December 2016.

IHS is requesting input on the strategic planning process, the strengths and weaknesses of

OUIHP, and the opportunities and threats facing the program. Comments will be used to

help develop the mission, goals, objectives, and strategies to be included in the strategic

plan.

DATES: Submit your input to the Academy no later than September 16, 2016. All

comments submitted to the Academy are not for attribution.

Written Comments: Send input by e-mail to UIOconfer@napawash.org with the subject

line: UIHP Strategic Plan.

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